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Foreign Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant permission to inflow of foreign universities also in education sector in various States/UTs of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the number and details of the universities of international level along with their global rankings in various States/UTs of the country, State-wise;
(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan for improvement in higher and technical education by the year 2020;
(e) if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. At present there is no law which allows the entry and operation of Foreign Universities in India.
(c): There are several international ranking systems which are run by private agencies and use different values, indices and parameters to rank higher educational institutions. None of these systems are universally accepted. Some of the ranking systems in operation are Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and Times Higher Education World University Rankings. The results of the rankings undertaken by these ranking systems are not maintained by the Central Government. These results are available on websites of the ranking systems.
(d) to (f): The Government of India, has initiated extensive consultations to bring out a National Education Policy to meet the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regards to quality education, innovation and research, aiming to make India a knowledge superpower by equipping its students with the necessary skills and knowledge and to eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology, academics and industry.
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